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Coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the Declaration on Cities and Other Human Settlements in the New Millennium,[1] which was adopted by the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth special session,

Recalling also all the relevant resolutions on human settlements, in particular General Assembly resolutions 3327 (XXIX) of 16 December 1974 and 32/162 of 19 December 1977, and further stressing the importance of General Assembly resolutions 56/205 and 56/206 of 21 December 2001,

Recalling further the goal contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration[2] of achieving a significant improvement in the lives of at least 100 million slum-dwellers by 2020,

Recognizing that urgent steps should be taken to ensure better mobilization of financial resources at all levels, to enhance the implementation of the Habitat Agenda,[3] the Declaration on Cities and Other Human Settlements in the New Millennium and the relevant goals of the United Nations Millennium Declaration, particularly in developing countries,

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China and in accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

[1] See General Assembly resolution S-25/2, annex.

[2] General Assembly resolution 55/2.

[3] *Report of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), Istanbul, 3-14 June 1996* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.97.IV.6), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

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Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda,[4]

1. *Invites* Governments in a position to do so, to increase their financial contributions to the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation, and also invites international financial institutions, as appropriate, to assist developing countries in the implementation of the Habitat Agenda,[3] the Declaration on Cities and Other Human Settlements in the New Millennium[1] and the United Nations millennium development goal of achieving a significant improvement in the lives of at least 100 million slum-dwellers by 2020, while giving due consideration to marginalized groups;[2]

2. *Encourages* the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) to continue to implement the Habitat Agenda and the Declaration on Cities and Other Human Settlements in the New Millennium, including through promoting partnerships with local authorities, non-governmental organizations, private sector and other Habitat Agenda partners, to empower them, within the legal framework, and according to the conditions of each country, to play a more effective role in shelter provision and in sustainable human settlements development;

3. *Invites* the Executive Director of UN-Habitat to pursue the establishment, within the context of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, of the Habitat Agenda Task Manager System as a collaborative effort to allow better monitoring and mutual reinforcement of actions taken by international agencies in support of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda;

4. *Encourages* UN-Habitat to strengthen its collaboration with the United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and the United Nations Development Group (UNDG) in the implementation of the Habitat Agenda;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Council at its 2003 session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

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[4] E/2002/48.